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SUBJECT: BOPHUTHATSWANA INDPENDENCE

REF: (A) PRETORIA 6199; (B) MBABANE 3372

1. NEW PUBLICATION, "BOPHUTHATSWANA AT INDEPENDENCE", ISSUED BY BUREAU FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH RE BANTU DEVELOPMENT (BENBO) INCLUDES REVISED MAP OF HOMELAND WITH SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FROM PREVIOUS MAPS. IN PARTICULAR, ROAD FROM ZEERUST NORTH TO BOTSWANA BORDER NEAR GABORONES IS SHOWN AS COMPLETELY WITHIN REPUBLIC. BENBO ADVISES US MAP IS BASED ON CADASTRAL SURVEYS BY BANTU ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF LAND MATTERS AND REGIONAL PLANNING WHICH HAS DETERMINED THAT ROAD IS FULLY WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. BENBO ALSO POINTED OUT, THAT EXCEPT FOR TONGUE OF LAND JUST ABOVE MAFEKING WHICH WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SUBJECT TO BORDER CONTROLS, ROAD FROM MAFEKING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOBATSE WILL NOT PASS THROUGH BOPHUTHATSWANA. AREA IS SLATED FOR INCLUSION BUT LAND HAS NOT BEEN ACQUIRED FROM WHITE FARMERS.

3. WE WILL TRY TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS FROM BANTU ADMINISTRATION BUT BELIEVE FOREGOING FROM BENBO IS RELIABLE.

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